



# The Town Crier

A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton



## Goodbye to Mr. Warrenton

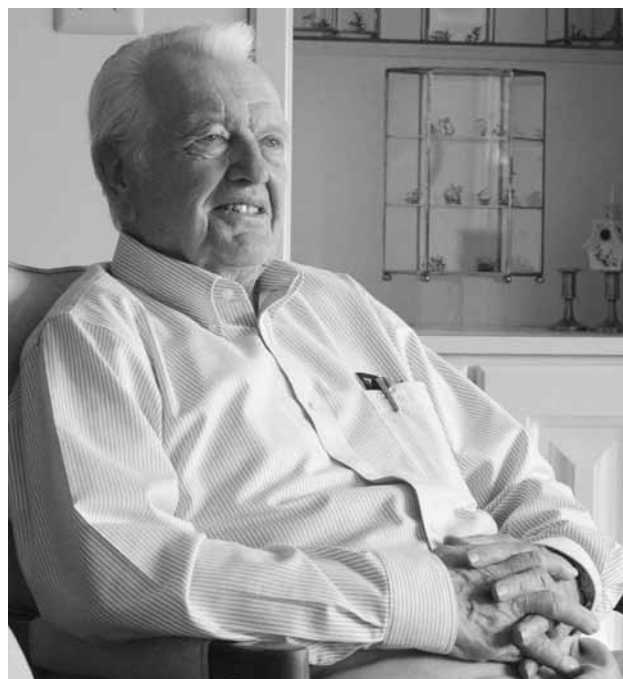
He was like "Mr. Warrenton" to many, the man with the white hair, big smile, and a terrific handshake.

Former Warrenton Mayor J. Willard "Bill" Lineweaver passed away February 16 after complications from a head injury he sustained in a fall at his home on Winchester Street. He was 89 years old.

Bill Lineweaver served as Warrenton's mayor from 1974 to 1998. But he had been active on the Town Council for decades before that. Even after his retirement from local politics, Bill Lineweaver maintained a bright presence in Warrenton. He could often be found roaming the streets of Town, greeting neighbors and swapping stories. He was well loved, and surely will be missed.

Mr. Lineweaver moved to the Town of Warrenton from the Shenandoah Valley when he was six years old. Later in life he served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and received medals for valorous service in such notable battles as the Battle of the Bulge and the battle for Remagen Bridge. When he returned home after the war, he became a local businessman, operating the H. B. Carter Furniture store on Main Street.

Mr. Lineweaver ran for Town Council in 1959, and served the Town as a councilman and mayor until 1998. He was a lifetime member of St. James Episcopal Church, where he served on the vestry for many years, and was a Rotarian and member of the Fauquier Club. For a while during his retirement, he planned recreational events for senior citizens on behalf of the old F&M Bank (now part



of BB&T Bank). He often rode the bus with the seniors to places like baseball games and Charlestown Races (now Hollywood Casino at Charlestown Races).

Warrenton residents will miss Bill's smile, love for his community, and will remember the contribution he made to the Town for a long time. ■

## John Mann, Sr. – Another Sad Passing



It seems like great losses often come in twos or threes.

Former Town Councilman John E. Mann passed away at his home March 17 at the age of 82.

Mr. Mann served the citizens of Ward One for fourteen years as their Town Councilman, retiring from the Town Council in 2000. He held the distinction of being the first African-American to serve on the Warrenton Town Council.

Prior to serving as a local elected official, Mr. Mann served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and later as a civilian employee of the Federal Government.

He is survived by his wife, Doris, three daughters and two sons; all but one still live in Warrenton or Fauquier County. He also leaves behind fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and many friends in Warrenton.

The Town offers its condolences to John's family. His service to the Town of Warrenton will have a lasting impact on many for many years. ■

## Chaplain Pierce Heads To Windy City



*Police Chief Lou Battle with Chaplain Pierce.*

The Warrenton Police Department recently said goodbye to its Chaplain. Father Chris Pierce has served as Chaplain with the department since 2008. While working with the department, Chaplain Pierce assisted in the development of the chaplaincy program, and was a familiar face and frequent source of comic relief to police personnel.

Father Pierce is relocating to a new church parish in Chicago.

“Chaplain Pierce set the standard for all chaplains who will serve with the department down the road,” said Warrenton Police Chief Lou Battle. “He’ll be tough to replace.”

Chaplain Pierce’s duties with the police department included assisting with death notifications and helping grieving families. He also counseled members of the department with their day-to-day service, and was a willing listening ear to all. The department will greatly miss him and wishes him nothing but the best in his new assignment. ■



## Holiday Refuse Schedule

### Memorial Day – May 28

**MONDAY, 5/28/12** – Holiday; no refuse collection

**TUESDAY, 5/29/12** – Double refuse collection

*(both Monday’s and Tuesday’s)*

**WEDNESDAY, 5/30/12** – Regular recycling collection

*(cardboard, newspaper & blue bags)*

**THURSDAY, 5/31/12** – Regular refuse collection

**FRIDAY, 6/1/12** – Regular refuse collection

### Independence Day – July 4

**MONDAY, 7/2/12** – Regular refuse collection

**TUESDAY, 7/3/12** – Regular refuse collection

**WEDNESDAY, 7/4/12** – Holiday; no recycling collection this week

**THURSDAY, 7/5/12** – Regular refuse collection

**FRIDAY, 7/6/12** – Regular refuse collection

### Labor Day – September 3

**MONDAY, 9/3/12** – Holiday; no refuse collection

**TUESDAY, 9/4/12** – Double refuse collection

*(both Monday’s and Tuesday’s)*

**WEDNESDAY, 9/5/12** – Regular recycling collection

*(cardboard, newspaper & blue bags)*

**THURSDAY, 9/6/12** – Regular refuse collection

**FRIDAY, 9/7/12** – Regular refuse collection

*During the holidays there will be a refuse truck available at the Public Works Facility, located at 360 Falmouth Street. ■*

## A Final Birthday Party For Chief Herschel Jones



*Former Police Chief Herschel Jones celebrated his 94th birthday with Police Chief Lou Battle, and the members of the Warrenton Police Department.*

Retired Warrenton Police Chief Herschel Jones passed away in late February, just two weeks after celebrating his 94th birthday on February 11. Members of the Warrenton Police Department threw him a big birthday bash at the police station, and celebrated his birthday with family, friends, and current employees.

Over cake and ice cream, Chief Jones shared some treasured memories and stories of his time as Chief with the Police Department. Chief Jones started with the Warrenton Police Department in March of 1961 and retired in July of 1983. In those 22 years, he helped shape the future course of the Warrenton Police Department.

“We all feel fortunate for having had the opportunity to celebrate with Chief Jones, not knowing that he’d be leaving us soon,” said Police Chief Lou Battle. “We’re glad we had a chance to let him know how much he meant to us all.” ■

# Arbor Day History 101

We can all name a slew of great Americans that helped make our country what it is today. Maybe your list includes Henry Ford, Betsy Ross, Harriet Tubman, Eleanor Roosevelt, Harvey Firestone, Thomas Edison... and J. Sterling Morton.

Wait a minute, back up... who was that last guy?

J. Sterling Morton and his wife moved from Detroit to Nebraska in 1854. When they arrived there, they were fascinated by the respect Nebraskans had for their trees, and decided that they too would become involved in the State's tree planting efforts. In fact, Mr. Morton got so involved that he became the Secretary of the Nebraska Territory. And on April 10, 1872 he helped organize and celebrate the first official Arbor Day.

On that day in 1872, he and his fellow citizens planted one-million trees in the State of Nebraska! The first Arbor Day was such a hit that



*J.S. Morton, Founder of Arbor Day*

Nebraska proclaimed it a state holiday, to be celebrated each year on Morton's birthday, April 22. This impressed the rest of the country so much that in 1882 Congress decided to observe Arbor Day nationally.

Imagine – all that excitement from the simple act of planting trees! But there's a profound truth in it. As J. Sterling Morton proclaimed during that first Arbor Day 140 years ago, "Each generation takes the earth as a trustee."

As part of "Tree City USA," the Town of Warrenton observes Arbor Day as well. This year it will be observed April 27th at 4:00 PM at Eva Walker Park (across Alexandria Pike from the DMV). There will be a short program to explain the importance of Arbor Day and trees within the urban setting, along with the planting of trees with local school children.

Arbor Day is a day for all of us. Everyone realizes the benefits trees have to offer but too often we take them for granted as they keep us cool on hot summer days. April is a beautiful time in Virginia and is made even better by the celebration of trees on Arbor Day.

## Invest In the Life of a Tree

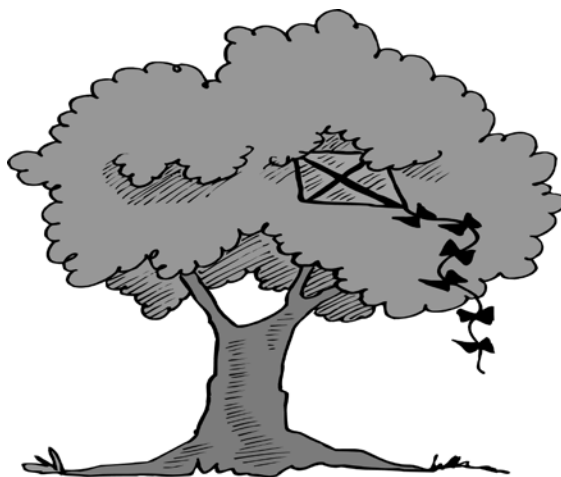
Planting trees is important and easily accomplished when they are small, but planting them is only a small part

of our responsibility. Someone has got to take care of them for, well, maybe as long as one-hundred years! So, here are a few tips that might help you when you plant your tree this Arbor Day and how you can help them as they grow.

- Always plant your tree with the top of the root ball at the same level as the top of the ground or higher.
- Try to choose trees that are good trees for our area or are native to Virginia. You can get a list of great trees to plant from the Town office.
- It's just as important to water your tree as it is to plant it! Give your tree about one-inch of water twice a week for the first year, especially if we're not getting much rain. Be sure that the soil around your new tree dries before watering it again; very few trees can withstand soil that is always wet.
- It's no longer recommended that you fertilize your tree for the first few years in its new location. Water is the only thing it needs for the first few years.
- Go ahead and mulch your tree as recommended by your nursery; use no more than 2 - 3 inches and never put the mulch against any woody part of the trunk.
- Prune out any dead wood from the new tree, but wait 2 - 3 growing seasons before pruning out any live wood. When it's time to prune, it's usually best to do in late winter. If have any questions, you can go to [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com) for pruning information, or you can ask your own certified arborist.

So, don't forget April 27th, whether it's at your home or at Eva Walker Park with us. Come join us as we put down some new roots for Warrenton's wonderful TREES!

*The Warrenton Tree Board* ■



# WARF News

## Help Us Spread the Word!

Did you know that many people are surprised when they find out that anyone can visit the WARF, regardless of their residency? Many are also surprised to find out that you don't have to be a member to visit the WARF. The WARF is a Town of Warrenton facility, and Town of Warrenton and Fauquier County residents do receive discounted rates, but anyone can visit the WARF, whether you live in Warrenton, Fauquier County or beyond! So find a friend, grab your swimsuits and come down to the WARF for a swim and a ride down the big slide!

## Another Successful Swim Season at the WARF

Another very successful high school swim season at the WARF has come to an end. The swim season is a very busy time of year, and the WARF would like to thank the community, its members, and patrons for all of their support. Hosting swim teams provides local high school athletes a chance to participate in competitive swimming and provides the basis for lifetime fitness.

Hosting swim teams is not only beneficial to the WARF, but also to its patrons and the community. Renting the WARF for swim practices and competitions brings in revenue that helps keep membership fees low and allows for high quality classes and amenities to members at incredible savings. Swim competitions that host teams from out of town, bring in families from across the region. These visitors would not have otherwise been in Warrenton and brought in valuable business to our Town's stores, restaurants and hotels.

Swimming is a relaxing, all-inclusive, lifelong activity that can make a significant contribution to health and wellness. By supplying a venue for teams to practice and compete, the WARF is helping local youth have more opportunities to develop their interest in swimming, many beyond the basic level.

## New Group Fitness Offerings

The WARF has brought in 2012 with some very exciting new Group Fitness classes – TRX Suspension Training and Body Pump.

TRX is a suspension system that was originally used by the Navy Seals. It is a type of training that uses your own body weight and gravity to build strength, balance, coordination, flexibility and core and joint stability, all while preventing injury. Everything you do with TRX challenges your core. By using your own body weight and gravity you



are able to adjust to your own personal fitness level.

Body Pump, by Les Mills, is the original barbell class that shapes, tones and strengthens the entire body. It is an active workout that challenges all major muscle groups by using weight room exercises such as squats, presses, lifts and curls. The workout focuses on high repetition movements with low weight loads. This process results in increased strength and lean body muscle conditioning.

Visit the Front Desk at the WARF for more information about these classes and the rest of the Group Fitness lineup, including schedules, fees and class information.

## Personal Training

Did you know that the WARF offers personal (and small group) training? You can receive personal, one-on-one attention from one of our six, certified personal trainers and get the results you've desired. Personal trainers can help you maximize your health and physical potential with customized attention by recognizing your current ability level, health concerns and special needs, and guiding you on proper form and techniques. Why not get the best information right from the start to help you improve safely and achieve measurable results? Visit the Front Desk at the WARF for more information about personal training and to get started!



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## Learn to Swim!

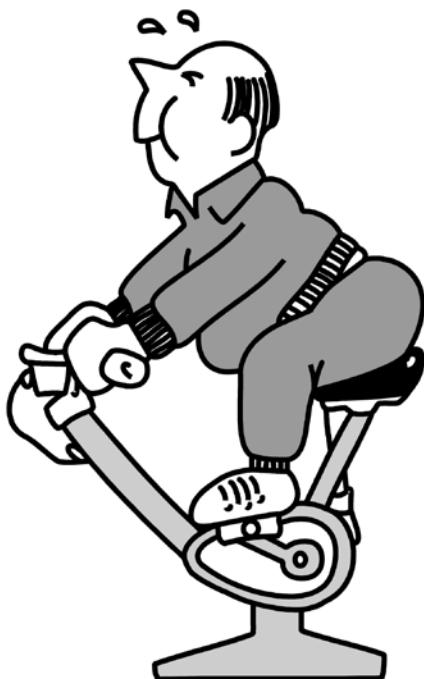
Did you know that swimming is the only sport that can save lives? Learning to swim is the single most important skill you and your family can have to stay safe in and around the water. That's why investing in swim lessons for your family is not only a fun activity to participate in, but it is also a skill that will have lasting value for a lifetime.

The WARF offers group swim lessons for all ages and any ability level. We encourage adults who have little experience in the water not to feel intimidated by a group swim lesson setting. There are others out there just like you! Swim lessons can help reduce your fears of the water and get you enjoying the water in no time... all with the support of your swim lesson classmates. Lessons are also available for more experienced swimmers who are seeking to refine skills and improve endurance for a more worthwhile lap swimming workout.

A variety of aquatic programs are also available for youth. In addition to swim lessons, we are also offering the WARF Swim Club for the third season in a row. WARF Swim Club is a non-competitive fun swim club for ages 6 - 12. Stroke Clinics are also available for youth ages 11 - 18. Work on strokes and refine skills. Summer Prep is perfect for those ages 8 - 17 who want to get back in the water after the winter season and get ready for their summer swim team tryouts.

## Two-Dollar Tuesdays

The WARF is offering its Two-Dollar Tuesdays special through the end of the school year. Come in on Tuesdays and purchase a day pass for only \$2.00 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Come enjoy the WARF at this great discounted price! ■



# Town Gets the Royal Flush

The Town of Warrenton Utilities Department has scheduled its bi-annual flushing of the water lines. Between March 19 and the end of May, water lines throughout the system will be flushed between 7:00 PM and 1:00 AM. This is part of the Town's standard maintenance practices for maintaining the water system.

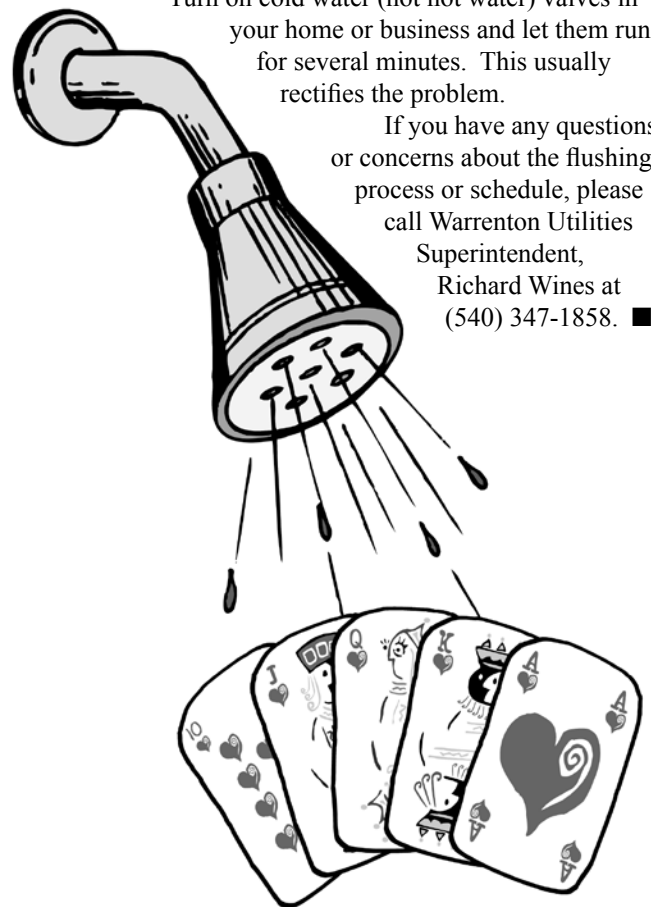
Flushing the lines removes sediment that has accumulated as they carry water to homes and businesses in Town. It also gives utility workers the chance to inspect and test fire hydrant water valves.

Should you notice any discoloration of your water during this time, it is harmless and easily cleared.

Turn on cold water (not hot water) valves in your home or business and let them run for several minutes. This usually rectifies the problem.

If you have any questions or concerns about the flushing process or schedule, please call Warrenton Utilities

Superintendent,  
Richard Wines at  
(540) 347-1858. ■



*The Warrenton Farmers Market  
Is Back Again. Watch For it!*

# Out With the Old... In With the New

Everyone's surroundings can benefit for a good old spring-cleaning. The same is true with the Town of Warrenton Cemetery – and the Town likes to start early before other Spring tasks take over. Town groundskeepers will be doing their pre-Spring cleaning in the cemetery in early April, removing all winter arrangements and Christmas flowers.

If you have something placed on a grave that you'd like to keep, please remove it by April 1. This includes containers, vases, saddles, and blankets. After that date, all arrangements, decorations or flowers that are dead, dried up, faded or falling apart will be removed.

The Town appreciates your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Public Works at (540) 347-1858.

## "Bring Out Your Junk..."

*(Apologies to Monty Python)*

Spring Clean Up Week for the Town of Warrenton is scheduled for the week of April 16 - 20th. What is Spring Clean Up Week, you ask? It's your chance to get rid of stuff around your house or yard conveniently. During the week, Town trucks will provide extra collections in all residential areas to pick up trash, refuse and other items that cannot be handled on the regular weekly schedule.

If you have things you want taken away, please place them on the street line by 8:00 AM of the day scheduled for your area. No return trips can be made. All trash and refuse must be placed in proper containers. Tree trimmings and brush must be placed separately. Small clippings from bushes or shrubs should be bagged and placed with regular refuse.

All metal must be separated from wood and placed separately.

## The No-No List

Town crews will not pick up tree trimmings and brush cut by tree companies or contractors; that task is the responsibility of the company doing the work for you.

No paint cans containing liquid can be taken. You must take that to the Fauquier County landfill for recycling. However, if you have paint cans that are empty or dried up, remove the lid and set them out with your regular refuse collection.

Sorry, no dirt, rocks, sod, stumps and large logs can be picked up.

Certain items cannot be picked up during Spring Clean Up Week because they must be recycled at the landfill. These items include:

- Television sets ● Computers and monitors
- Printers and fax machines ● Battery packs
- Microwave ovens ● Liquid paint

You'll have to take these items to the County landfill yourself. The County may require a small fee to recycle some of these items.

## Items Containing Freon

Maybe you've been wondering how you were going to get that old refrigerator into your Mini Cooper to take it to the dump. Fret not! The Town will pick up items containing Freon (a refrigerant) during Spring Clean Up Week, but you'll have to make special arrangements. Items containing Freon include:

- Air conditioning units
- Humidifiers/dehumidifiers
- Refrigerators and freezers

To have these items taken on your Clean Up day, call Public Works and get on the pick-up list for these items. You'll also have to pay the County's \$10 recycling fee in advance. If you're on the list and your fee's paid, the Town will be happy to take away these items for recycling. If it's a refrigerator or freezer you want to get rid of, please remove the door. This is for more than safety reasons; the County requires it.

## "But It's Not Junk Yet"

*(Apologies again to Monty Python)*

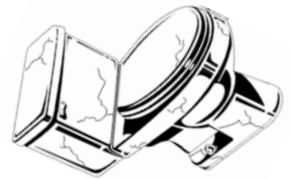
Always remember that the purest form of recycling is to use something more than once. If you don't need it anymore, maybe someone else does! An old sofa that has served you well but isn't right for your new living room decor may just be perfect for someone else's. Consider websites like Craigslist and Freecycle to get your old items into the hands of people who can use them. This not only saves landfill space, but also helps those on a tight budget.

A spring yard sale is also a great way to pass on your unneeded stuff to someone who can use it, and to make a little money.

If you have any questions about Spring Clean Up Week, such as what can be taken and what can't, please call the Warrenton Public Works Department at (540) 347-1858. You can also get specific information about recycling things at the Fauquier County Landfill by calling the County's Waste Management Office at (540) 347-6811. ■

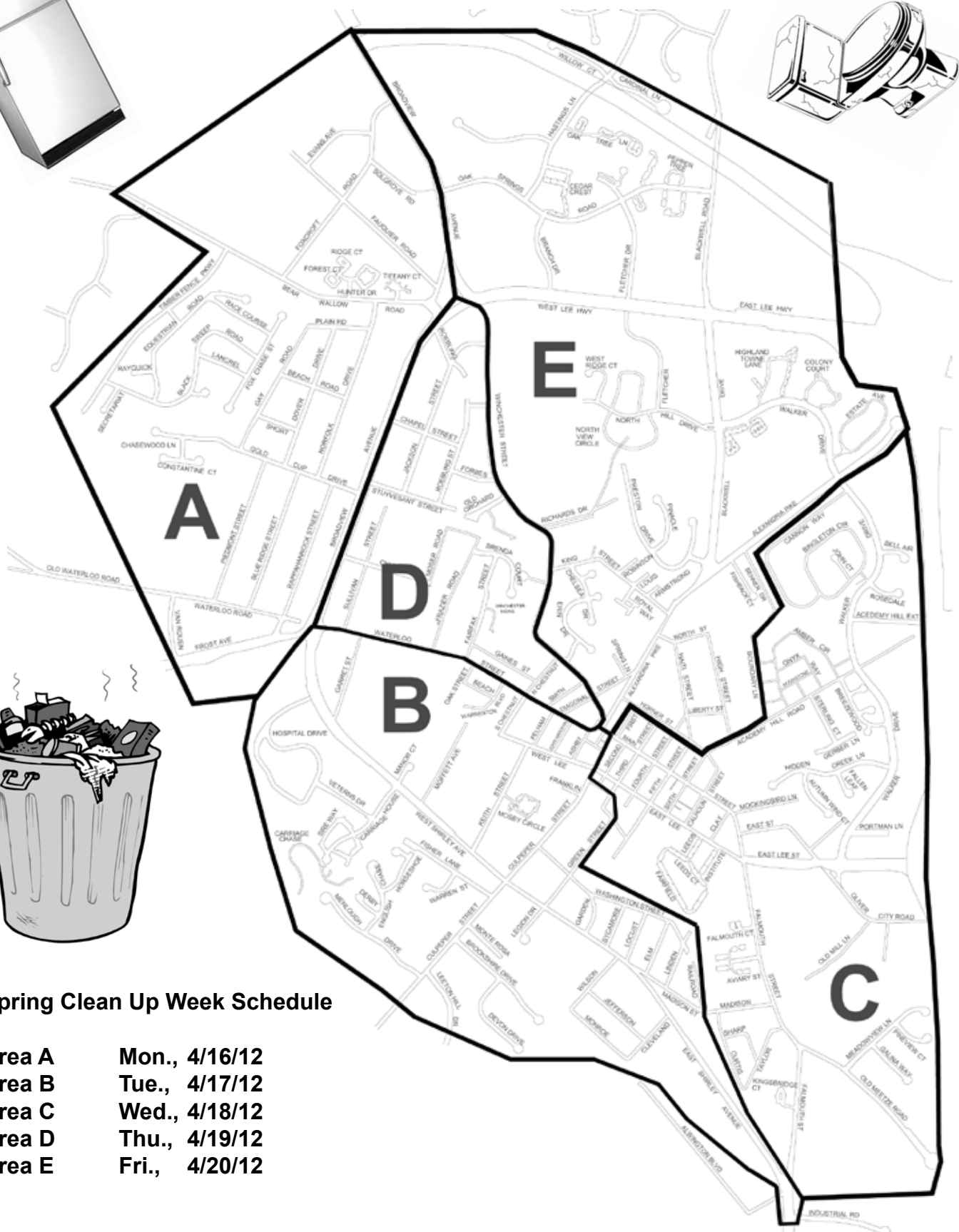


# Spring Clean-Up Week Map



## Spring Clean Up Week Schedule

|        |               |
|--------|---------------|
| Area A | Mon., 4/16/12 |
| Area B | Tue., 4/17/12 |
| Area C | Wed., 4/18/12 |
| Area D | Thu., 4/19/12 |
| Area E | Fri., 4/20/12 |





## Town Office Hours and Telephone Numbers

*Town Office Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM*

*The area code is 540 unless otherwise noted.*

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Finance Department.....                      | 347-1102       |
| Inspections .....                            | 347-2405       |
| Maintenance Shop.....                        | 347-1858       |
| Police Department                            |                |
| Office of the Chief .....                    | 347-1105       |
| Police Station .....                         | 347-1107       |
| Non-emergency .....                          | 347-1100       |
| <b>Emergency</b> .....                       | <b>911</b>     |
| Planning and Zoning .....                    | 347-2405       |
| Recreation Department (Aquatic Center) ..... | 349-2520       |
| Recycling .....                              | 347-1858       |
| Sewage Plant.....                            | 347-1104       |
| Town Hall.....                               | 347-1101       |
| Town Manager .....                           | 347-4505       |
| Utilities.....                               | 347-6574       |
| Water Bills.....                             | 347-2678       |
| Water Plant.....                             | 347-1103       |
| TTD/TTY .....                                | 1-800-828-1120 |

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